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EXPLORING EASTERN KARAKORAM

EXPLORING EASTERN KARAKORAM will be the subject of a lecture given by Henry S. Francis, Jr. at The Cleveland Museum of Art on Sunday October 21 at 3:45 P.M. The talk, describing his most recent mountain climbing venture, will be illustrated with slides. The expedition was sponsored jointly by the Museum of Comparative Zoology of Harvard University and The Harvard Mountaineering Club. The climbing team, consisting of five Americans and one Englishman, was accompanied by a Pakistan Liaison Officer together with an American and a Pakistan botanist. In a little less than two months at Base Camp this vigorous group attempted seven towering peaks, all between 19,000' and 22,000', and proceeded to the summits of five. These peaks are all contained in the southeastern end of the Karakoram Range in the Hushe Valley, Upper Indus Valley, Baltistan in Pakistan Kashmir.

The expedition explored and mapped the Ghondakoro and Chogolizo Glaciers, simultaneously collecting and studying botanical species of this area. They also gathered botanical samples from the Skardu and Nanga Parbat areas during their eventful pilgrimage, and, in addition, conducted experiments in high altitude physiology.

Even before his graduation from Harvard University in 1954, Francis had already embarked on world-wide climbing enterprises. In 1949 he climbed in the Bernese and Oberland areas of the Alps. In 1951 he journeyed to the Rockies and Selkirks in Canada as well as to the Grand Tetons. In 1952 Francis attempted Mount McKinley in Alaska and 1953 he again ventured the Canadian Selkirks. A member of the Himalayan Club, the Harvard Mountaineering Club and the American Alpine Club, he is presently employed in Washington, D.C. with the Regional Programs Office of the National Academy of Sciences, United States National Committee for the International Geophysical Year. He is the son of Henry Sayles Francis, Sr. the Museum's Curator of Paintings.

This lecture is sponsored by The Garden Center of Greater Cleveland.